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SUBJECT: PEACE CORPS IN INDIA

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1. THE NEW DELHI PRESS REPORTED AUGUST 4 A QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT AUGUST 3 CONCERNING A PROPOSAL ALLEGEDLY MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE US DELEGATION DURING THE LAST WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY (WHA) THAT PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS HELP TO IMPLEMENT INDIA'S RURAL HEALTH SCHEME. THE QUESTION WAS ADDRESSED TO HEALTH MINISTER RAJ NARAIN BY SIC CPI MEMBERS OF THE RAJYA SABHA. NARAIN REPLIED THAT DURING LAST MAY'S WHA, AN AMERICAN "OUTSIDE THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION" HAD RAISED WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE GOI HEALTH MINISTRY THE POSSIBILITY OF RESUMING PEACE CORPS ACTIVITIES IN INDIA. THE HEALTH SECRETARY HAD RESPONDED THAT THE GOI WOULD HAVE TO DECIDE THE MATTER.

2. ACCORDING TO THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE DEBATE, THE QUESTIONERS ACCUSED THE GOI OF GIVING IN TO US PRESSURE BY JUST CON-
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SIDERING PERMITTING THE PEACE CORPS TO OPERATE IN INDIA. THEY PRESSED NARAIN TO PROMISE THAT THE GOI WOULD NOT ALLOW THE PEACE CORPS BACK INTO INDIA, REMINDING HIM THAT IT HAD BEEN "THROWN OUT" AFTER REVELATIONS IN THE US PRESS THAT IT WAS AN "AGENCY OF SUBVERSION". NARAIN AVOIDED PROMISING ANYTHING.

3. MOST NEWSPAPERS FOCUSED ON THIS EXCHANGE PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF

THE UPROAR AMONG MP'S CAUSED BY NARAIN'S REPLYING IN TAMIL
TO A QUESTION POSED IN ENGLISH. HOWEVER, THE CPI'S "PATRIOT"
AND PREVIOUSLY THE PRO CPI WEEKLY "NEW WAVE" WRE QUICK TO EXPLOIT
ANY INDICATION OF A RENEWED PEACE CORPS PROGRAM IN INDIA AS
A MEANS TO EMBRASS THE JANATA GOVERNMENT (REFTEL).
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